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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting apoptosis in a cell, the method comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of an apoptosis inhibitor selected from the group consisting of colostrinin, a constituent peptide of colostrinin, ~~an active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin~~, and combinations thereof;

wherein the constituent peptide of colostrinin is selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1) LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLPQFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), ~~LFFFLPVGVLP~~ LFFFLPVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFPPV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and ~~LKPFPCKVEVFPFP~~ LKPFPKLKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO: 8);

~~wherein the active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin comprises a peptide having an amino acid sequence with at least about 15 percent proline and having at least about 70 percent sequence identity to a constituent peptide of colostrinin selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1) LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLPQFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVGVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFPPV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and LKPFPCKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO:8); and further wherein the active analog inhibits apoptosis in a cell;~~

and wherein the apoptosis inhibitor inhibits apoptosis in the cell.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is present in a cell culture, a tissue, an organ, or an organism.

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3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the cell is a mammalian cell.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the cell is a human cell.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the inhibitor is colostrinin.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the inhibitor is a constituent peptide of colostrinin selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1), LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDQLQPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFPPV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), LKPFPKLKVEVFPPF (SEQ ID NO:8), and combinations thereof.
7. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting apoptosis in a cell, the method comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of an apoptosis inhibitor selected from the group consisting of colostrinin, a constituent peptide of colostrinin, ~~an active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin,~~ and combinations thereof;
wherein the constituent peptide of colostrinin is selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1) LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDQLQPFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), ~~LFFFLPVVNVLP~~ LFFFLPVVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFPPV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and ~~LKPFPEKVEVFPPF~~ LKPFPKLKVEVFPPF (SEQ ID NO: 8);
~~wherein the active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin comprises a peptide having an amino acid sequence with at least about 15 percent proline and having at least about 70 percent structural similarity to a constituent peptide of colostrinin selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1) LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2);~~

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~~DQPPDVEKPDLPQFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVGVLP (SEQ ID NO:4),
DLEMPVLPVEPFPPV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6),
VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and LKPFPCCKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO:8), and further
wherein the active analog does not interfere with cellular uptake of redox-sensitive 2',7'-dihydro-
dichlorofluorescein diacetate;~~

and wherein the apoptosis inhibitor inhibits apoptosis in the cell.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the apoptosis is due to DNA damage.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the cell is present in a cell culture, a tissue, an organ, or an organism.
10. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the cell is a mammalian cell.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the cell is a human cell.
12. (Currently Amended) A method for protecting against DNA damage in a cell, the method comprising contacting the cell with an effective amount of a compound selected from the group consisting of colostrinin, a constituent peptide of colostrinin, ~~an active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin;~~ and combinations thereof;
wherein the constituent peptide of colostrinin is selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1) LQTPQPLLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2),
DQPPDVEKPDLPQFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), ~~LFFFLPVGVLP~~ LFFFLPVVNVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPFPPV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6),
VLEMKFPPPPQETVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and ~~LKPFPCCKVEVFPFP~~ LKPFPKLKVEVFPFP (SEQ ID NO: 8);

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~~wherein the active analog of a constituent peptide of colostrinin comprises a peptide having an amino acid sequence with at least about 15 percent proline and having at least about 70 percent sequence identity to a constituent peptide of colostrinin selected from the group consisting of MQPPPLP (SEQ ID NO:1), LQTPQPLQVMMEPQGD (SEQ ID NO:2), DQPPDVEKPDLPQFQVQS (SEQ ID NO:3), LFFFLPVGVLP (SEQ ID NO:4), DLEMPVLPVEPPFV (SEQ ID NO:5), MPQNFYKLPQM (SEQ ID NO:6), VLEMKTPPPPQCTVT (SEQ ID NO:7), and LKPPCKVEVTFPP (SEQ ID NO:8), and further wherein the active analog does not interfere with cellular uptake of redox-sensitive 2',7'-dihydro-dichlorofluorescein diacetate;~~

and wherein the compound protects the cell against DNA damage.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the cell is present in a cell culture, a tissue, an organ, or an organism.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the cell is a mammalian cell.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the cell is a human cell.

16-24. (Canceled)